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Mr. Merle A. Hayes  
Vice Chairman  
Suquamish Tribal Council  
Suquamish Tribe  
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Suquamish, WA 98392

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Ecology (Ecology) would like to thank you for your participation in the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting regarding the Lower Duwamish River Sediment Cleanup and Source Control Project. EPA and Ecology are encouraged by the opportunity to pursue a collaborative, comprehensive sediment remedial investigation of the Lower Duwamish, through the use of a negotiated federal Administrative Order on Consent.

We believe that the most efficient way to proceed is for the Project Leads from our agencies to begin working directly with appropriate staff from King County, City of Seattle, Port of Seattle, and Boeing on the legal documents, draft Scope of Work/Workplan, and a schedule for timely implementation (please see attachment). We strongly encourage your staff to be open to this early involvement. We believe it is the best approach to minimize the negotiation part of the work before us.

EPA and Ecology also consider the Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes, and the Natural Resource Trustees as partners in this effort. Their input and participation will be important for the Lower Duwamish River Sediment Cleanup and Source Control Project.

The primary contacts for this project are EPA Project Lead Loren McPhillips (206-553-4903), and Ecology Project Lead Rick Huey (425-649-7256). We look forward to working with you to achieve efficient and effective environmental and human health protection in the Lower Duwamish River.

Sincerely,

Chuck Clarke  
Regional Administrator, Region 10  
Environmental Protection Agency

Sincerely,

  
Tom Fitzsimmons  
Director  
Department of Ecology

Attachment

Cc: Michelle Pirzadeh, EPA Region 10 Superfund Office  
Jim Pendowski, Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program